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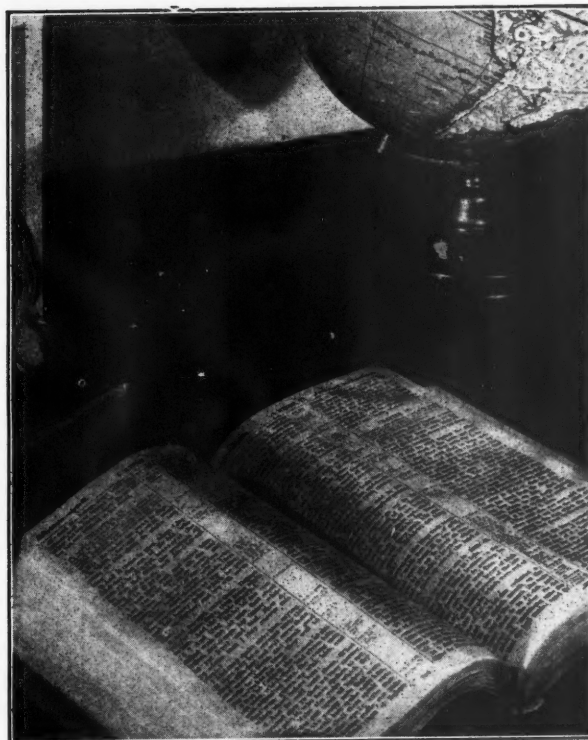
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# Abolish The Gestapo

**L**EADERS of the Gestapo in the United States boast that they have a ceiling over the American people. No one is permitted to rise above the level which they fix.

They claim ways for destroying anyone who runs counter to their wishes to the smallest degree. They operate a private spy system that reaches into every part of the Nation.

They shadow people, rifle mail, tap telephones, steal documents, pry into personal lives and otherwise terrorize those who try to rise above their ceiling at any point.

This sinister system of control exists in every department of American life — financial, political, educational, religious . . . the press, radio, screen, stage, medicine, etc.

The Gestapo is directly responsible for the existence of the Communist movement in the United States. For years, it has maintained an army of character assassins for the purpose of destroying men and women in public life who oppose Communism.

One example of how the red Underworld operates will suffice for the present.

Scores of similar incidents — each carefully catalogued and documented, could be submitted . . .

There is a branch of the Gestapo in Wichita, Kansas under direction of the Levand family, owners of the "Wichita Beacon."

Recently when the editor of The Defender Magazine was out of the city, he had occasion to send a telegram to one of the radio stations in Wichita. The station answered immediately.

Within an hour from the time the manager sent his reply, three of the Levands had him in their offices and "on the carpet." They confronted him with a copy of his message to Dr. Winrod. They threatened to ruin him by smearing. They threatened to destroy the owners of the station unless all business dealings with the Defenders' organization were immediately terminated.

How the Gestapo was able to get the radio station's telegram out of the Wichita Western Union office, is a mystery only to people who do not understand the workings of the Underground in the United States.

**T**HERE ARE a number of undercover organizations, which operating collectively, comprise the Gestapo. Congressman Cox of Georgia, aptly described them as "invisible empires" in a recent speech before the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cox named the so-called "Friends of Democracy," directed by L. M. Birkhead and Rex Stout as one of the most criminal and treacherous of the group.

Stout is former editor of the "Communist New Masses" magazine. Birkhead has worked on the side of the Communist Party for more than a quarter of a century. Walter Winchell and Drew Pearson are among his close associates.

During the war, this combination succeeded in having opponents of Communism arrested on the charge of sedition.

On page 33 of his new book "An Open Letter To Congress," Joseph Kamp says:

"It costs a lot of money to run a private Gestapo. The 'Friends of Democracy' raised \$75,000 at just one dinner meeting in the Waldorf Astoria a few months ago. Drew Pearson was the featured speaker. The 'Anti-Defamation League,' 'American Jewish Committee,' 'Mintzer-Levy' combine had 6-million dollars to spend last year. This year, they will have more.

"The pity of it is, many good people, such as Cardinal Spellman, for instance, are contributing to the support of this un-American activity without any idea that their money is being used for such a vile purpose.

"When Cardinal Spellman contributed \$1,000 to the United Jewish Appeal, now raising 250-million dollars, he thought he gave his money to help keep 'the homeless Jews of Europe alive — not only with food and shelter, but with hope.'

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## GESTAPO EXPOSED!

The spotlight is placed squarely upon the international anti-Christ power that threatens to destroy America . . . as it has destroyed other countries. Joseph Kamp, national chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, has invested years of painstaking research in this document. It exposes "an underworld secret-police terror that threatens America." Its title is,

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## Bolshevism And The Church

Dr. Louis R. Patmont . . . Berkeley, California

**D**ESPITE years of systematic persecution, there remains a remnant of the Church in Bolshevik Russia. Another wave of violence has been turned loose against these suffering people. As usual when things go wrong in Russia, Christians are made the scapegoats.

Preachers who have survived years of torture are now being arrested. Groups of worshippers, accustomed to intimidation, are being scattered.

The anti-Christ attitude of Bolshevism in the Soviet Union was originally ascribed to the corruption which existed inside the Russian Orthodox Church in the days of the Czar. It must be admitted that the State Church had drifted far from the apostolic ideal and was guilty of persecuting those who came out of its Babylonish system.

These tactics were followed even after the late Czar Nicholas II issued an *ukas* granting religious liberty to all faiths in 1904. Evangelical Christianity neverthe-

less made great strides in the Russian Empire.

Adherents to New Testament faith were numbered by the millions. Revival fires never ceased to burn until the Bolsheviks declared war on the Church soon after they came into power. Since then, thousands of Christian families have been uprooted and their Churches destroyed. Their preachers have been either liquidated or sent into Siberian exile. An estimated eighteen million people were destroyed during the early years of the revolution, because of their professed faith in Jesus Christ.

### "WE HATE CHRISTIANS"

Only when an outraged world began to protest these mass murders, the Soviets became apologetic, charging that those liquidated were plotting a counter revolution. Christians were pictured as being dangerous to the security of the Soviet State. They hypocritically explained that those not found guilty of

plotting against the government were free to follow their religious beliefs. What they really meant was that they were "free" to embrace the Communist religion of irreligion.

A spokesman for the League of the Godless, the cruel master of the old GPU, Lunacharski, who finally became a victim of his own folly and was liquidated by order of Stalin, stated the Communist attitude toward Christianity as follows:

"We hate Christians. Even the best of them must be regarded as our worst enemies. They preach love to one's neighbor and pity, which is contrary to our principles. Christian love is a hindrance to the development of the revolution. Down with love for one's neighbors. What we want is hatred. We must know how to hate for only at this price can we conquer the world. Religion is poison. Our task is to destroy religion and all kinds of morality."

### SINISTER TACTICS

The Soviets have never deviated from this policy. They permit periodic lulls in the persecution of the Church. These times of relaxation are always accompanied with the false claim that religious liberty exists in the USSR. They are intended to convince the world of the falsity of reports to the contrary.

But these planned lulls also serve a more sinister purpose. They bring new Christian leaders living inside Soviet Russia, into the open—who are in turn liquidated or sent to slave labor camps in Siberia where they are able to survive only a few months.

The writer's own investigation and corroborative testimony by victims of the godless Bolshevik monster, prove that the foregoing charge is true. The international Communists who control Russia are still militantly anti-Christian. They follow the

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principles laid down by their prophets Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels.

These men specifically taught that Communism is a deadly foe of Christianity decades before the teaching was put into practice in Russia. The issue has long since ceased to be academic. Our brethren who are forced to live under the hammer and sickle so testify.

The fact that the Soviets found it expedient to convince gullible Preachers in the United States and England to the contrary, need not confuse us. It was the same Lunacharski who said: "We must promise anything and everything as long as we can get something tangible in return." Lenin always taught his disciples to perfect themselves in the art of "deceiving in order to conquer."

I have information from behind the iron curtain that with the start of the "cold war," remaining Russian Preachers have been arrested. Meeting houses, previously tolerated, with services held under strict Soviet supervision, are being closed.

### TRAGIC AND APPALLING

The present persecution started soon after a rather notorious liberal southern churchman visited the Soviet Union, and came away saying there was "absolute religious freedom" in that Country. His profusely illustrated booklet, aiming to convince America that all is well with the Church in Russia, is now being circulated by practically every Communist cell in the United States. Modernist Churches are likewise joining in the distribution.

The tragic and appalling story of the new persecution has been told to me by a noted Russian evangelist refugee Preacher, who is now living in Stockholm. His name is withheld for obvious reasons. He recently witnessed the arrest, and attempted arrest of other Preachers, being



Dr. Patmont

sought out by leaders of the All-Russian United Evangelical Union.

This is the name of a religious organization permitted to exist in Russia, over which Moscow keeps a watchful eye. A group of its leaders who had been sent into exile, were liberated on condition that they would take a course in the spy school of the NKVD. These deceivers soon had themselves elected heads of the Union of Evangelical Churches for the purpose of helping to apprehend Gospel Ministers who were most effective in their preaching.

The names of these traitors and modern betrayers of Christ are well known. Their gruesome and shameful deeds against the Christian brotherhood are a matter of record.

### MILLIONS MURDERED

Dr. Louie Newton, of the Southern Baptist Convention, may not have been aware of the fact that he was "taken in" by skilled agents of the NKVD, on his

much-publicized visit to Soviet Russia. His report to the American people, when the jaunt was over, brought joy to the hearts of Communists everywhere.

But he fails to account for nearly 100,000 Mennonites from the south of Russia, whose properties were confiscated at the close of the last war. These godly people have been carried off to remote exile camps in Siberia.

Dr. Newton failed to explain the disappearance of a half million Volga Protestants.

While on an evangelistic and missionary relief mission for the Defenders of the Christian Faith a few months ago, I visited the Norwegian Finnmark within the Arctic Circle. Here the Soviet Union borders Norwegian territory for a stretch of 80 miles.

I had occasion to interrogate numerous escaped Russian prisoners hiding among the Lapps, who are scattered between the remote Norwegian fjords in the war-torn settlements. I learned much about the tragedy and despair of many thousands of Russian Christian unfortunates who are forced to work in the nickel mines of the Petsamo region. Other thousands must slave in the forests of Siberian military establishments until they fall in their tracks.

While on a boating tour on the Petsamo River, I managed to enter Soviet territory, penetrating as far as the limits of Murmansk. What I saw convinced me that the picture of horror drawn by the refugees, is no more terrible than the actual condition of these people, who have been aptly described as "the living dead."

### STALIN'S WORDS

Should anyone still be in doubt as to the Soviet government's real attitude toward the Church, the statement of Stalin himself, issued in the form of a manifesto several years ago would clarify the situation.

"We regard religion as one of the greatest enemies of Communism and Sovietism. The fight will be carried on further and with great energy. We want no compromise with the religious world; for the religious aims and our aims are fundamentally hostile to each other. For the moment we will change our fighting tactics against the Church. During the past twenty years we have used every sort of force in our fight against religion. That period is at an end. The new period will witness a cultural fight against religion. This fight will call for even greater efforts than violence. Above all we shall need a large number of highly trained and cultured propagandists. When this second period shall be closed, then a third and

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last period will be entered upon, in which religion in the Soviet Union will exist only as a historical memory. This, in short, is the goal set for the party, for the Young Communists and for the Soviet Government."

Perhaps the most ridiculous of all arguments introduced to help the reds, is the one frequently heard in religious circles that the early Church practiced Communism. Misguided zealots who know little or nothing about the subject, and this includes certain blinded Fundamentalists, actually quote Acts 2.44 to bolster their claim: "And all that believed were together, and had all things common."

They should also quote the verse just above and try to fit it into the plan of the Soviets. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Only those who are blind profess to see in Communism "an expression of the social Gospel."

#### COMMUNISM AND MODERNISM

It is to be regretted that there are churchmen who resort to the Communist Party line, of pinning the tag of Fascism upon those who oppose Communism. Any informed Christian knows full well that both of these foul doctrines originate in the pit. The teachings of both are incompatible with the teachings, aims and purposes of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Liberal Christianity and liberal politics seem to go hand in hand. Those who favor continued appeasement and apology for Communist inroads in America, do not find the anti-religious attitude objectionable.

The attitude of leftists in the Church can be more readily understood since Modernists are interested less in the advancement of the Christian faith and doctrine, than they are in social and political experiments. To such individuals the Lord Jesus Christ was a mere insurrectionist. His followers are supposed to be dedicated to the establishment of a new social and economic order, "either by peaceable means or revolution" if need be.

To be sure, every Christian desires to see the Kingdom of God established on earth. While this Kingdom is currently within the believer and must find expression through his regenerated nature, the final phase will be manifested when the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

Then, "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." The will of God is thus anticipated for the world. "Every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."

There is no justification for "Christian Marxism" in the New Testament. The term is in reality a demonstration of Satan's ability to deceive while disguised as an angel of light. This is obvious since all so-called Christian Socialists deny the deity of Christ, the efficacy of His blood and the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. God grant that the Church of America shall be quickly purged of these anti-Christ elements.

## TOM PAINE'S LAST DAYS

Tom Paine's life was a variegated series of disturbed relations. He was twice dismissed from his service in the English excise department because of irregularities, presumably financial. His second wife left him. He was in constant debt. Though an infidel he applied at one time to the Church of England for a preaching position. Leslie Stephen describes his ignorance as vast, his language as brutal.

The Bible was to him "a book of lies and a history of bad times and bad men."

He was often in libel suits and quarrels. His fellow citizens at New Rochelle disenfranchised him and he never recovered citizenship.

Of his last days the eminent Quaker saint, Stephen Grellet, has given an account which cannot but be trustworthy:

"I may not omit recording here the death of Thomas Paine. A few days previous to my leaving home on my last religious visit, on hearing that he was ill and in a very destitute condition, I went to see him and found him in a wretched state. For he had been so neglected and forsaken by his pretended friends that the common attentions to a sick man had been withheld from him. The skin of his body was in some places worn off, which greatly increased his sufferings. A nurse was provided for him and some needful comforts were supplied. He was mostly in a state of stupor. Once when she was there three of his deistical associates came to the door and, in loud, unfeeling manner said, 'Tom Paine, it is said you are turning Christian, but we hope you will die as you have lived,' and then went away. On which, turning to Mary Roscoe, he said, 'You see what miserable comforters they are.'

"Once he asked if she had ever read any of his works, and on being told that

she had read but very little of them, he inquired what she thought of them, adding, 'From such as you I expect a correct answer.' She told him that when very young, the 'Age of Reason' was put in her hands, but that the more she read in it the more dark and distressed she felt, and she threw the book into the fire. 'I wish all had done as you,' he replied, 'for if the Devil has ever had any agency in any work, he has had it in writing that book.'

"When going to carry some refreshment, she repeatedly heard him uttering the language, 'O Lord, Lord God' or, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me.'"

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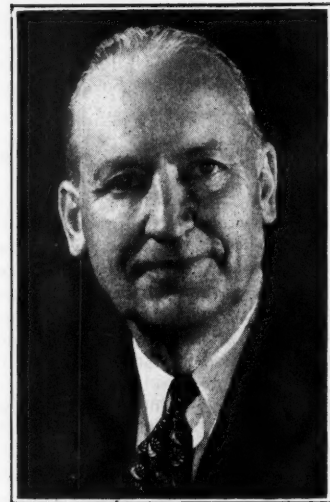
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# Catching Fish and Finding Cash

Sermon of the Month . . . By Dr. R. S. Beal  
Pastor First Baptist Church . . . Tucson, Arizona



**"AND WHEN** they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He said, Yes. . . . Jesus saith unto him . . . Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee." (Matthew 17:24-27)

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**THIS** passage affords us a fine illustration of the lordship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is need on the part of all who name the name of Jesus Christ, to recognize His blessed lordship over every element of their being, and over all their possessions. We glory in His Saviorhood and gladly acknowledge that Jesus died for us upon the Cross of Calvary.

We are quick to recognize that "without shedding of blood is no remission" of sins, and that apart from what He accomplished in His death, there is no possibility of salvation from the penalty of our sins.

Are we as quick to recognize the lordship of Jesus Christ? Are we as willing to obey Him, in all the details of life, as we are to trust Him to save the soul? Multitudes are glad to be on the one true

foundation, but they seem to be indifferent as to what they ought to do on that foundation.

The story before us is an interesting one and full of good things for the child of God, Capernaum is the place where this incident occurred. This is a city where Jesus wrought many of His miracles and a place to which He often went as He traveled back and forth across Palestine. It would be interesting to make a list of all the events that took place in this city during the days of our Lord's earthly ministry. The particular incident before us is exceedingly practical and points to the full scope of His lordship.

The word "Capernaum" means "village of comfort." This in itself is significant. Only as we fully recognize the lordship of the Master will we dwell in the village of comfort and the place of rest.

Jesus had gone into the house perhaps to rest awhile and possibly to eat. Peter had remained outside for a few moments probably to greet friends or to talk to the crowds gathered around. No matter where Jesus went, He was the center of

attraction. Multitudes soon found out when He arrived in a place.

All sorts of questions were in the minds of the people about Jesus and they were pressing for answers. The tax collectors were curious to know whether or not Jesus paid His proper tribute money, so they asked Peter, "Doth not your master pay tribute?" Peter thinking he knew the answer quickly replied, "Yes."

We have often wondered why Peter answered as he did. Why didn't he say to that crowd of curious and designing men, "What need has my Lord to pay tribute?" This, it seems to me, would have given Peter a fine opportunity to have magnified Christ and set forth His claim before them. But like many of us in the crucial moment, he may have had a fainting spell.

He exhibited such weak faith when he had a chance to really stand up for Jesus. In the sixteenth chapter of this book, we read, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16) Peter was with Jesus on the summit of the Mount of Transfiguration and heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Had Peter forgotten this?

If Jesus were all that Peter declared him to be on a former occasion, and this same Jesus was indeed the Son of God as the Father had declared, Peter could have told that crowd that being God, He didn't need to pay taxes. Let us not be too quick to condemn Peter because we

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fail even as he did, and perhaps more often.

As we go on with this incident we shall see the lordship of our Lord standing out gloriously. First I would have you note how He is

### LORD OVER THE REALM OF KNOWLEDGE

Jesus knew all things. Nothing was hidden from Him. He knew what men were thinking without their giving expression to what was hidden in their minds. In this story, He knew what was in Peter's mind. The text says, "And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him."

The word "prevented" is an old fashioned one and we do not use it in the sense in which it is used here. It means in this particular case "anticipated." Jesus knew what was in his mind. He could read Peter's thoughts as plainly as if they had been transcribed to parchment and were before His eyes.

Before Peter had spoken a word or had reported the conversation which had taken place outside the house, Jesus put a question to him. "What thinketh thou, Simon." Why did Jesus call him "Simon"? In the previous chapter we read how Jesus Himself had changed his name from Simon to Peter. When this poor weak disciple answered in the affirmative to the cavilling crowd he didn't speak as Peter. He spoke as Simon. He spoke as a man in the flesh and not as a man of strong faith. So many of us do likewise.

Our conversation reveals that our confidence in the Lord is not very great. We speak as of the world and not as of heaven. The things the world talks about seem to be the chief topic of conversation with us. He could read the depths of Peter's heart. Nothing is hid from His all-seeing eye. Down into the depths of the inner man where no human eyes ever go, the Lord read the thoughts and intents of His servant.

Not only is our Lord's omniscience revealed in the reading of Peter's mind, but by what He knew was in the depths of the sea. The coin that had fallen there was not unknown to Him. How it got there, or who might have dropped it, is not recorded. Perhaps some one had accidentally dropped it from a boat. Possibly it had been washed down by a storm. It makes no difference, Jesus knew that it was there.

One cannot help but reflect that this incident would seem like a fairy tale, were it not for the fact of His deity. It would be utterly ridiculous and wholly incredible if He were not God of very God. The one who can look into the

depths of a man's heart can also look into the watery depths of the sea.

All things are open and naked before Him with whom we have to do. We may be able to fool others with a cloak of piety but we cannot deceive Him. He knows what is genuine on the inside and what is false. We need to confess our hidden sins and to ask Him to make us pure and clean within. "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalms 51:6,10)

Then we have in the incident before us a beautiful illustration of how Jesus is

### LORD OVER THE REALM OF NATURE

This truth is emphasized many times throughout the Gospels. The wind and the waves obeyed His voice with greater willingness than the hearts of most men have ever obeyed Him.

There is a threefold direction in the incident which is most interesting:

First, Jesus directed the fish to the money. I doubt if this bit of coin was

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floating in the water because metal does not float. It sinks rapidly to the bottom. This coin must have been resting on the sand at the bottom of the sea. The fish then had to go to the depths in order to get the money.

In the second place, He directed that particular fish to Peter's hook. The sea of Galilee was full of fish and hundreds of fishermen lined its shores to make their living there. Why should this fish be the one to bite Peter's hook? The answer is found in the fact that Christ is Lord over nature. As the water obeyed Him on a former occasion, so now the fish in the water obeyed Him.

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The third thing to note is that he directed the fisherman. Jesus gave Peter specific instructions and told him to pay particular attention to the very first fish caught. It might not have been the kind that Peter liked to catch; it might not have been the size he wanted, but Jesus told him to "cast an hook and take up the fish that first cometh up." Praise God for the truth that all of nature responds to the divine impulse!

It would be well for all those who wish to win souls to Christ, to note that when Peter fished under the direction of the Savior, he got results. The same truth is brought out in John 21:6: "And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes." When we serve in line with Him, we will be successful. "Follow me," said He, "and I will make you fishers of men." Following is the condition, but have we obeyed?

William Jennings Bryan once said, "There is more happiness in bringing souls back to God than in three presidential nominations." The true believer will say: "I'd rather be a soul winner than be president." Have we ever cast a hook according to instructions?

As we further contemplate this fascinating story, it is to observe how the Master was

### LORD OVER CIRCUMSTANCES

There was deep need at that moment. Poverty abounded. No poorer man ever lived than Jesus, and I do not believe any poorer group ever assembled themselves together than his company of disciples. They had very little of this world's goods.

Within the bounds of that humble dwelling stood Jesus, the Creator of heaven and earth. There stood the One who, in the Old Testament, declared that the gold and silver of the world were His and that the cattle on a thousand hills belonged to Him. All belonged to Him because of who He was, yet at that hour He did not possess enough to make a small contribution to the upkeep of the temple.

May I remind you that God's children are not victims of circumstance? They are the children of Providence. All of us need to lay hold of Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

May God rebuke our weak and faltering faith. Do we not read how Paul wrote, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) The ravens are not all dead yet, and the supply of heavenly manna is not exhausted — and it never will be!

Out of the depths, provision was made for a need. And oftentimes out of the deepest sorrows and the most trying experiences come the greatest blessings. The Psalmist wrote, "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalms 50:15)

Let us not be discouraged nor lose heart. He will deliver in the right way and time. He has never failed and never will.

A man was in a room on the top floor of a high hotel when the building caught fire. The flames were on every side, and rather than burn to death the imprisoned man decided to take his life. A moment later firemen cut a hole through the roof and dragged him to safety. An hour afterwards he died in a hospital from loss of blood. There was not a burn nor blister on his body. If he had held on one minute longer, he would have been saved. How many battles have been lost on the eve of victory! By the grace of God let us hold on in faith until the victory is won.

In the last place it is most profitable to perceive how Jesus is

### LORD OVER THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN

The incident we are studying reveals how the Master recognized the fact that He had children. He said to Peter, "Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter said unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free."

We appreciate the liberty which belongs to His children. By His own redemptive work He has set them free, releasing them from bondage. He declared Himself to be a son and therefore there was no need of paying tribute to that which was His own. Taxes were collected from the "strangers" or foreigners.

It is beautiful to note how the Savior identified Himself with His followers, and Peter in particular, in this incident. "Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them." "Lest we" are the words I want you to lay hold of! We must recognize that it is possible for Christians to give offense; therefore, all of us who profess to be His followers must be on our guard.

In this section of Matthew's Gospel, I see three things suggested which we must avoid in every possible way, and the first is that of giving offense or occasion of stumbling to the world. "Lest we should offend them."

Such was the thoughtfulness of Jesus. He did not want the world to stumble over any inconsistency of His followers. Then all of us must avoid occasions for stumbling, to those who are weak. "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea." (Matthew 18:6)

Again if we are wise we shall avoid any occasion that will cause ourselves to stumble. We read, "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut it off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire." (Matthew 18:8)

Jesus surrendered His personal rights to avoid the possibility of giving offense. He did not have to pay tribute for the temple was His — all belonged to Him. Why pay tribute to Himself? How often we give offense to others by our self-assertedness!

This story closes with one of the most beautiful statements to be found anywhere in the Gospels, "And when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

"For me and thee." This is what I want you to observe and meditate upon. How precious are such words and how full of grace! Just to think that Jesus would identify Himself in such a manner. Surely it is beyond human comprehension. It is a benevolent partnership of which none of us are worthy. This statement truly reveals the intimate relationship which exists between the Lord Jesus and His people.

It seems to me that such as this calls for the greatest possible devotion on our part. He is worthy of all, and such condescension demands that we fully recognize Him as the senior member of the partnership. We must surrender all to Him and be willing to obey His slightest command. "No man can serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." (Matthew 6:24).

Let us gladly acclaim His Lordship.



# The Only Sure Cure For Communism

... A Defender Hour Broadcast ...  
By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

I AM SPEAKING this evening on, "The Only Sure Cure for Communism."

On a previous broadcast we traced the roots of the Communist Party back to May 1, 1776, when a man by the name of Adam Weishaupt launched a subversive movement in southern Germany called the Illuminati.

Weishaupt and his red organization demanded the overthrow of orderly government, extermination of Christianity, destruction of all standards of morality, elimination of patriotic sentiments and abolishment of the right to own and accumulate private property.

This destructionist code of the eighteenth century is identical at every point with the Communist program of the twentieth century.

Weishaupt established centers of subversion throughout Germany resembling cells of the modern Communist party. He almost succeeded in overthrowing the government which existed at that time.

But German authorities ferreted out the schemes of his organization, confiscated its lodge property, arrested the leaders and Weishaupt fled to France. He made his headquarters in Paris. The

Illuminati by that time had extended beyond the borders of Germany and was operating in France when he reached there.

Weishaupt, the arch-conspirator of all time, worked in the background, setting in motion forces of destruction, manipulating political currents and cross-currents which finally produced the holocaust known in history as the French Revolution.

France was given a blood bath and a million and a half human lives were claimed by the inferno.

While the storm was in progress, burning embers floated across the English Channel to the British Isles. This was in the latter part of the eighteenth century. It appeared for a time as though England would collapse in civil war and anarchy like France.

Continental Europe had been undermined. France was being torn by strife. The entire civilized world was in turmoil. There was no reason for supposing that England could escape. Every man's hand was being raised against his neighbor. The historian Green says that England was on the verge of suicide. It was an hour of great darkness for both the British Isles and the Continent.

The English Channel, separating England from the French Revolution, is only a narrow body of water. I know because I vomited all the way across it one night during a spell of seasickness.

But a sudden change for the better took place in England. The clouds of anarchy were pierced by great flashes of spiritual light. The British people were spared the fate of France.

A small group of men began holding prayer meetings at Oxford University. They formed what became known as the Holy Club of Oxford. They regulated their lives and their conduct rigidly according to methods. So they were called *methodists*.

These men prayed. They fasted. They preached. They sang. They expounded the Scriptures. They became evangelists. They traveled preaching, teaching and holding revival meetings.

Spiritual fires soon ignited. The arm of God was moved. Preaching became creative. The Gospel message took effect. Men began to call upon God. Spiritual power was released. The conscience of England was stirred. National character was rehabilitated. A tidal wave of evangelism swept the British Isles.

And Green, the same historian, tells us that the Wesleyan revival saved England from the fate of France.

The Communist Party, the red conspiracy to wreck the world, was then getting under way in organized form. Adam Weishaupt was at that time starting powerful currents of revolution flowing that were destined to eventually destroy whole nations. This was the genesis of the Communist movement as we know it today.

Weishaupt's forces failed in England because they encountered a revival of supernatural religion. The Wesleyan revival cured England of Communism in the eighteenth century. And this, I sub-

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mit, is the only kind of opposition that offers a cure for Communism today.

Christians of the United States therefore have before them an important task. They have a solemn responsibility. Our Country is facing its greatest crisis. We are standing at the crossroads. Moscow has been given a free hand in the United States for many years. Communist organizations have gained a foothold in the Nation.

The time has come for straight-thinking Americans to become concerned. It is time for Christian leaders to do for America what the Wesleyan revival did for England.

God forbid that the Church of the western world shall fail. If the Church was to fail at this hour when America is passing through the valley of decision, all would be lost.

We have an example of organized religion failing in another country during recent years, and the result was disastrous. I refer to the failure of the Russian Orthodox Church, in Czarist Russia, to cope with the problems it faced at the turn of the present century. The Russian Orthodox Church failed God and humanity between the years 1908 and 1917.

It proved itself to be a cold, dead, formal, lifeless institution, incapable of restraining evil forces, incapable of precipitating the needed spiritual awakening.

At the very hour when mobs were forming in old St. Petersburg, organized by the Lenins, the Trotskys, the Stalins, the Litvinoffs and the Molotovs — at that very hour, Church leaders were engaged in a heated debate in another section of the city, discussing the kind of docorations they should wear on certain vestry garments.

Counting buttons while a fire was burning under their feet! Counting buttons with civilization hanging in the balances! How different the history of these intervening years might have been, had the Russian Orthodox Church shouldered its responsibility and preached a Gospel to change men's hearts — thereby serving all classes and types of people, restraining evil and making a contribution to national character, which alone offers hope for the solution of problems economic and political.

The Church of Russia failed God. A criminal system based upon atheism, attained power. Church property was confiscated. Christians were persecuted. Ter-

rorism swept the nation. Communistic propaganda swept the world. Anything that weakens the Church life of a nation, helps Communism.

Perhaps the crux of my message this evening is the fact that history repeats itself. The Illuminati organization which I have described, founded by Adam Weishaupt, caused the French Revolution. Then the conspiracy went underground and came up again 60 years later in Germany under the direction of a man named Mordecai, who changed his name to Karl Marx.

Karl Marx simply restated the code of Adam Weishaupt and edited a document called the First Manifesto, which is the bible of the international Communist movement today.

## THE DAVENPORT BIBLE CASE

**T**HE ORGANIZATION of Christian laymen known as "Gideons," has been engaged, for years, in the distribution of Bibles. Their foremost service was aimed toward hotels, sanatoriums, hospitals and kindred institutions.

When our nation became involved in war, they took on the gigantic task of supplying the servicemen with Testaments — about nine and one-half million. After the war was over, they became alarmed about the rising tide of juvenile delinquency and decided to distribute the Word of God among the children of school age, in the hope that the character forming and redemptive power of the Book, might have an influence on the coming generation.

The Gideons of Davenport, Iowa, planned for such a distribution in their city. They secured the written consent of the School Board, and distribution was started. Every child between the ages of ten and thirteen was to have the opportunity of receiving a copy of the red-bound Gideon New Testament (with Psalms and Proverbs), providing his parents or guardians did not object.

This permission was later revoked by the same School Board on the ground that a small minority had objected. The

In the broadcast this evening and those of previous evenings, I have connected like a chain the Illuminati of 1776, the French Revolution, Karl Marx, the First Communist Manifesto and the Communist Party of the twentieth century. I have shown that Communists world around today, are disciples of Karl Marx.

But, what is more important, I have shown that this conspiracy can be dealt with successfully, by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the application of Christian principles.

The only permanent cure for Communism is Christianity. Christ faithfully preached will be the solution of the present crisis. Christ for the Crisis!

Communism cannot operate in a Christian climate.

minority was headed by Jewish Rabbi Goodman, who claimed that it was illegal to distribute New Testaments in public schools. The Gideons were not given an opportunity to answer this objection, nor was the Rabbi asked to cite the law. Such discrimination against Christians is difficult to understand.

The Ministerial Association conducted an investigation and asked for a ruling on the legality of the issue. The opinion handed down by the Special Assistant Attorney General said, in part:

"We quote herewith Section 2809, Code 1946—'The Bible shall not be excluded from any public school or institution in the State.' This statute provides that the Bible shall not be excluded from any school in the state, nor shall any child be required to read it contrary to the wishes of his parent or guardian."

This information was presented to Rabbi Goodman with a request that he withdraw his objection. He refused, and to date the School Board has declined to reverse its stand.

There is another angle to this controversy. Frequently Jewish people, as well as Gentiles, have complained about the growth of anti-Semitism in our land. Does Rabbi Goodman think that he is warding off anti-semitic reaction by his illogical, un-American and illegal stand on this question? We suggest that he practice the Golden Rule, even though he may not worship the Man who gave it to us.

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# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL, A Deterrent To Crime

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**T**HE CRIMINAL is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. As a result, the criminal's mental attitudes and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law — he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately, there are many in the United States today who flout the laws of both God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI.

By the end of 1946, a total of 1,685,203 major crimes were recorded in the United States — the highest annual total recorded in the past decade. Crime in urban areas in 1946 increased 7.4 per cent over the previous year as sharp rises were noted in murders, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, man-slaughters by negligence, and rapes.

The upward crime trend in the rural areas was more pronounced in 1946, with an increase of 14 per cent. In each crime classification the rural upswing exceeded that in the cities.

## A Shocking Record

The gravity of the crime situation in 1946 was reflected by the fact that during the average day 36 persons were slain, 33 were raped, and 185 others were feloniously assaulted. During each twenty-four hours, on the average, 172 persons were robbed, 981 burglaries were reported to the police, 630 cars were stolen, in addition to 2,580 miscellaneous larcenies of various types being committed. Although a comparatively small percentage of the total offenses were classed as violent crimes against persons, it is significant to observe that every 5.7 minutes in 1946 there was a criminal homicide, rape, or assault with intent to kill.

The rise in crime during 1946 revealed that we are still faced with an abnormally high rate of juvenile misbehavior. Youngsters under 21 years of age were responsible for 51 per cent of the auto thefts, 41 per cent of the burglaries, 28 per cent of the robberies, 27 per cent of the thefts, 26 per cent of the rapes, and 18 per cent of the arsons. More than one-half of all crimes against property during 1946 were committed by persons under 25 years of age.

The upward sweep in postwar crime is characterized by criminal incidents reminiscent of gang events following World War I. Gangsters, hoodlums, and trigger men are eagerly recruiting youngsters into the criminal army. Guns are finding their way into the hands of mere boys who are ready to laugh at the law and kill if necessary.

I recall one case where two police officers were dispatched to a cabin on the outskirts of a town to locate several boys who were wanted at that time for questioning. The officers located the boys and were at once confronted with a defiant group of youngsters rivaling the hostility of hardened gangsters. Four boys armed with machine guns held the officers at bay. As the two officers awaited reinforcements and sought to avoid bloodshed, the boys retreated to the swamps along a near-by river. The youngsters were surrounded and called upon to surrender. Their answer was a volley of gunfire. In the pitched battle which followed, a 14-year-old boy was killed. The others surrendered.

These youngsters turned out to be the ringleaders of a youthful gang which had perpetrated a wave of thefts. On two successive nights prior to the gun battle, the gang of boys had burglarized a National Guard armory and had made away with an arsenal consisting of sub-machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and other government property. Previously, the boys had stolen several cars, burglarized storehouses, an automobile agency, and a private residence.

The leader of the gang was 18. He led a band who refused to practice the very necessary virtues of honor, decency, and love of God and country. Certainly, these boys had very little chance to learn and appreciate these virtues because they had been exposed to indifference, lack of parental guidance, and drunkenness.

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After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and, second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

### The Initial Responsibility

Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime it is necessary to begin to build the spiritual structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rests initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where childish independence is encouraged, and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help and the Sunday schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. Our Sunday schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. Instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life.

The Sunday school is a citadel of real spiritual influences. Religion to a boy or girl becomes a reality based on love and not on fear. Youngsters come to know that God asks more than mere lip service to His commandments; that He asks us to live under His guidance and love.

The Sunday school teaches the power of prayer and the need to make God an intrinsic part of our daily lives. The Sunday school teaches the child to "rule his spirit" and to place a reliance upon God which will not be shaken in later years. It stands as a strong bulwark against the angry waves of evil presently

sweeping across our nation. It is a powerful medium in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents.

I would like to pay tribute to the thousands of loyal men and women who are serving unselfishly as teachers in our Sunday schools. We in law enforcement look upon them as companions-in-arms in the fight against crime.

As true Crusaders for Christ, the Sunday school teachers want the nation's children to be honest, truthful, and unselfish. They are convincing youngsters that right habits, attitudes, and appreciations are necessary attributes for decent living. They are in the front ranks of the great army of Americans who are courageously fighting to free our national scene from dishonesty, selfishness, greed, and moral instability. In recruiting for God, they are building for America.

More often than not, a child is first introduced to the Bible by a Sunday school teacher. It is quite impossible to believe that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" is a precept which must be followed by all if life is to have a meaning. Our forefathers believed in the inspired Word of God and their re-

ligious faith and simple devotion produced a strong national character.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday school. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford to their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday school.

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# Mistakes of Modernism

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**I**N THE HEYDAY of his notoriety, Robert C. Ingersoll, the blatant agnostic, boldly attacked the Bible and with utmost skill attempted to ridicule the Christian religion and to laugh it out of court.

One of his favorite and popular platform lectures was leveled against the Mosaic account of Creation. He scorned the simple, unsophisticated language of Moses and argued that the cosmogony of Genesis and the science of Geology did not harmonize — that there was a clash and an irreconcilable difference between the two cosmogonies.

But philosophical champions and scientific scholars far superior to Ingersoll have met in the arena of controversy, matched wits and wielded the keenest lance of polemic strife over this very question. For example, William E. Gladstone and Thomas Huxley of England discussed, in their day, as to whether Geology agreed with Genesis. At the conclusion of the debate between these two intellectual giants the mooted question was left up to Professor Dana, the highest authority in the world on Geology, to settle the dispute. In rendering his decision he declared: "I essentially agree with Mr. Gladstone in all points. There is

no real contradiction between Genesis and Geology."

In perfect accord with this important statement is the testimonial of Lord Kelvin who for forty years was the President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science: "There is not a single known fact of science that is contradicted by any portion of the Bible."

But back to Ingersoll's slogan on the "Mistakes of Moses." . . .

In a brief rejoinder, someone wittingly remarked that he would like to hear Moses lecture on the "Mistakes of Ingersoll." But even at that, Bob at his best was more orthodox than our present destructive higher critics of the Church, in that he at least recognized Moses as the penman of the Genesis of the Pentateuch.

The militant Modernist never ceases to point out what he considers the faults and errors of the Fundamentalists. In recognition of the natural and constitutional right of the freedom of speech and academic freedom of opinion, it is the privilege of the Modernist as well as the Fundamentalist to use all the ammunition at his disposal.

John Wesley's motto was "Think and

let think." The Modernist has a right to his opinion, but it does not necessarily follow that his opinion is right. The best way to get a proper perspective of these two opposite poles of theological thought is by comparison and contrast, to study one in the light of the other. These divergent views in their respective tendency and terminology may be streamlined and stated as follows:

1. Modernism teaches that the Bible contains the Word of God. Fundamentalism teaches that the Bible is the Word of God.

2. Modernism teaches that Jesus is a son of God, the highest, the best, the first among equals. Fundamentalism teaches that Jesus is the Son of God in a unique sense; that He differs from the rest of humanity not only in degree but in kind; that He is both divine and human, the God-man.

3. Modernism teaches that man is the product of Organic Evolution. Fundamentalism teaches that man is the object of Divine Creation.

4. Modernism denies the Virgin Birth and the necessity of the new birth. Fundamentalism affirms the historicity of the Virgin Birth and teaches the absolute necessity of the new birth.

5. Modernism teaches the moral influence theory of the atonement and declares that the death of Christ is exemplary. Fundamentalism teaches the vicarious theory of the atonement and declares that the death of Christ is expiatory, propitiatory and conciliatory. That his death is a full complete oblation and sufficient atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

6. Modernism teaches that man is the unfortunate victim of a discordant environment and denies the fall of man as recorded in Genesis. Fundamentalism teaches that man, in his natural estate, is dead in trespasses and sins and that the Mosaic account of the primeval fall of man in the Garden of Eden was a historic fact.

7. Modernism teaches salvation by moral character and good works. It accords with the Unitarian creed which affirms the "Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, the leadership of Jesus, salvation by character, progress onward and upward forever." Fundamentalism teaches salvation by grace through faith—that the sinner must repent, believe with all his heart and soul, accept Christ as his personal and sufficient Saviour, and be born again in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

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"Redeeming the time because the days are evil," Ephesians 5:16

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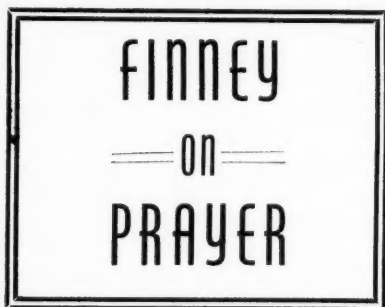
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Thus by the method of comparison and contrast it becomes apparent that these two systems of theological thought are as far apart as the poles. It is true that many who are commonly classified as Modernists have not followed the modernistic conception to its logical conclusion at every point, but unfortunately they are on a highway, which, if followed, will eventually lead to this conclusion.

In order to demonstrate the fact that Modernism is "weighed in the balances and found wanting," we will introduce as a witness Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, former pastor of the famous Rockefeller Riverside Church in New York. It is generally conceded that Dr. Fosdick is one of the outstanding Modernists of the day. In fact, he is often referred to as the prince of Modernists. But he is broad and generous enough to admit that Modernists have made some very serious mistakes. He recently stated: "Modernism has enthroned Intellectualism, made Sentimentalism the gospel message, relegated God to an advisory capacity and lost its moral attack."

This is a very strong indictment for a Modernist to bring against Modernism. Coming as it does from one of their leaders, it is a bugle blast sufficient to arouse many from their dogmatic slumber.



I HAVE said more than once that the spirit of prayer that prevailed was a very marked feature. It was common for young converts to be greatly exercised, and in some instances so much so that they were constrained to pray whole nights, and until their bodily strength was exhausted, for the conversion of souls.

There was a great pressure of the Holy Spirit upon Christians, and they seemed to bear about with them the burden of souls. They manifested the greatest solemnity of mind and the greatest watchfulness in all their words and actions. It was common to find Christians, when they met, instead of engaging in conversation, fall on their knees in prayer.

Not only were prayer meetings multi-

plied and fully attended, not only was there great solemnity in those meetings, but there was a mighty spirit of secret prayer. Christians prayed a great deal, many of them spending many hours in private. It was also the case that two or more would take the promise: "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven," and make some particular person a subject of prayer; and it was wonderful to what an extent they prevailed. Answers were so multiplied that no one could escape the conviction that God was daily and hourly answering.

If anything occurred that threatened to mar the work, if there was any appearance of any root of bitterness springing up, or any tendency to fanaticism, Christians would take the alarm, and give themselves to prayer that God would direct and control all things, and it was surprising to see to what extent, and by what means, God would remove obstacles out of the way.

For several weeks before I left De Kalb to go to the synod, I was very thoroughly exercised. I found myself so borne down with the weight of souls that

I was constrained to pray without ceasing. Some of my experiences, indeed, alarmed me.

A spirit of importunity sometimes came upon me so that I would say to God that He made a promise to answer prayer, and I could not, and would not, be denied. I cannot tell how absurd unbelief looked to me, and how certain it was, in my mind, that God would answer prayer—those prayers that from day to day, and from hour to hour, I found myself offering in such agony and faith.

I had no idea of the shape the answer would take, the locality in which the prayers would be answered, or the exact time of the answer. My impression was that the answer was near, even at the door; and I felt myself strengthened in the Divine life, put on the harness for a mighty conflict with the powers of darkness, and expected soon to see a far more powerful outpouring of the Spirit in that new country.—From Charles G. Finney's Autobiography.

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# ANALYSIS OF VO



## Reporting From Washington

**H**AROLD STASSEN cannot become President of the United States, according to the consensus of best opinion among insiders here at the Capital . . . for the following reasons:

(1) The secret deal that Roosevelt made early in the war, approving him as the next Republican nominee for the Presidency cannot be kept from the public.

(2) The same pro-Communist groups that promoted Willkie are behind Stassen.

(3) Precautions have been made to keep the 1948 Republican convention from being stampeded as was done by the Willkie forces.

(4) Stassen's public record and private views do not harmonize with a powerful national trend against Communism such as the Country is today experiencing.

(5) Being an opportunist, he operates too near the surface to expect a favorable response on the part of a deep-thinking electorate.

(6) He is a new dealer at heart.

(7) He lacks integrity.

Stassen went to Russia at the close of the war and was entertained by Stalin in the Kremlin. What actually transpired

during the course of that conference has never been reported. Only visitors, looked upon as true friends of the international Communist movement, are showered with the courtesies he enjoyed while there.

Returning home, he gave the press a lengthy statement of praise for the Soviet regime. This was followed by a public demand that the United States supply food and materials for Russia's satellite countries.

Now, as a matter of political expediency, he has suddenly become vociferous in advocating that the Communist Party be outlawed . . . A man high in Republican affairs recently put the matter this way in an off the record remark: "We do not object to Stassen's youth. It is lack of integrity that concerns us."

**T**HE AMBIGUITY of some of Senator Taft's thrusts at Stassen during the Ohio campaign for delegates, provoked humor in circles where the meaning of his dry, delphic phrases was understood.

To illustrate: If Stassen was a sincere Republican, why did he not run for the Senate two years ago, like Bricker, and place himself in position to effectively oppose the new deal? Instead, his Minnesota machine put up a man whom he chose.

Why did Mr. Stassen refuse to make the race? This is what Senator Taft wished explained.

Of course, no answer was forthcoming. Stassen would have had to admit that commitments were made before the war, whereby certain internationalist groups would create a colossal build-up,

designed to sweep him into the White House.

He would have had to admit that his selection was made with the full knowledge and approval of Franklin Roosevelt . . . in the same way that Willkie was chosen by the new deal as the Republican nominee in 1940.

**T**HE GESTAPO is definitely organized against Senator Taft. His friends are quietly investigating to see what can be done to limit the operations of these un-American groups. Walter Winchell, Drew Pearson and L. M. Birkhead have already mapped plans for an intensive smear campaign.

Because the Senator is an esteemed citizen, the character assassins have to be careful how they go about tearing him down. On the day of the Ohio voting, Drew Pearson said in his column.

"One thing you have to remember about Senator Taft and the important Taft-Stassen primary today, is that Taft policies haven't been too popular in the Senator's home state. There is respect for the Taft courage and the Taft family, but no great love for Taft policies."

Winchell engaged in no such faint praise. He used hammer and tongs and tried to convey an impression that Mr. Taft is a Nazi because of his stand against the Nuernberg "trials."

Birkhead, of course, never writes anything decent. He is throwing mud in all directions.

There are some in the Taft camp who advocate an immediate frontal blast against the Gestapo. They wish to see

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him spared the treatment to which Senator Wheeler and others have been subjected. This can be accomplished, they reason, only by bringing the red underworld into the open through investigations, indictments, arrests and prosecutions.

Another line of attack employed by the Gestapo is to fire public questions at the Senator regarding his Kenyon College speech condemning the practices of Justice Robert Jackson at Nuernberg. A heckler recently rose in a meeting at Chicago and asked if he still adhered to the idea that the trial was a travesty on justice.

"I do indeed," replied the Senator. "The hanging of the Nazis discredited the fair name of justice in this world. The so-called trial merely carried out a policy clothed in the forms of legal procedure. It took place under an *ex post facto* law, repugnant to our Bill of Rights, and reached a decision that had been made before the trial began. Think of Russians sitting on this court of so-called justice, trying Nazis with whom they had conspired to bring on World War two! Why the whole proceeding was preposterous and infamous."

An avalanche of applause swept the room.

**M**EMBERS of Congress are waiting to see what action, if any, Attorney General Clark takes in response to Senator Ferguson's suggestion that officials of the Communist Party be prosecuted under section 10, title 18, of the criminal code . . . which provides that it shall be unlawful,

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The law provides violators may be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned 10 years, or receive both fine and imprisonment.

There are 12 members of the Executive Board of the Communist Party and 50 members of its National Committee. Many of these people are known to have contacts that reach into various departments of the Washington Government. If the Attorney General refuses to prosecute, there are members of Congress waiting to ask *why*!

Senator Ferguson believes that prosecution of top level Communist leaders would produce the following results:

(a) Make the Communist Party illegal in the United States, (b) destroy many Communist front organizations that now plague the Country, (c) disillusion innocent dupes who do not understand that Communism is civilization's greatest menace, (d) forewarn all in America that to join a Communist organization is the equivalent to a violation of the law.

**S**EVERAL left-wing clergymen are being kept under surveillance by Dis-



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trict of Columbia police because of communistic activities. This action was revealed simultaneously with the discovery that an intensified drive for new members in the Communist Party was under way in Washington.

It was learned from a police investigating squad that reds have divided the city into sections, with 12 clubs directing the recruiting. Membership meetings are secret. Every applicant is thoroughly screened before being accepted into membership. Notice of meetings give only the time and number of the club, without address.

The thinking of liberal churchmen is constantly bombarded by radical propaganda emanating from such sources as the Federal Council of Churches, B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, Methodist Federation for Social Fellowship and other similar organizations. Many ministerial minds have been poisoned in such a way as to render them unfit for American citizenship — not to mention the solemn obligations of the Christian ministry.

**D**ISCLOSURES contained in Henry L. Stimson's memoirs are producing cries of anguish among remaining new dealers, who for years kept Roosevelt built up in the public mind as an indispensable man.

One of the most painful pieces of reporting yet published by the former Secretary of War, relates to the manner in which Roosevelt approved the vengeful Morgenthau Plan.

International Jewry was determined to pauperize Germany after the defeat. A

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program was devised which, if carried out, would have cost several million lives. Morgenthau spearheaded the scheme in White House circles. Stimson describes him as having been "very bitter."

The "plan" would have converted Germany "into a country primarily agricultural and pastoral." Industries were to be completely wrecked and coal mines stripped of all equipment. Ore deposits were to be sealed.

Eastern Germany, the nation's agricultural region, was to be turned over to Russia. Six million Germans were to be expelled from their ancestral homes in those areas. The proposal provided for driving these refugees into the western part of the Country like cattle. Morgenthau was determined that Germany, with its huge Christian population, should never again become self-respecting.

White House hatreds were so deep, that to Stimson's dismay, Secretary of State Hull even approved. Harry Hopkins thought it was fine. Moscow agreed. Morgenthau accompanied Roosevelt to Quebec for a conference with Churchill. There he arranged for both of them to approve the most spiteful program of hate ever imposed upon a vanquished foe.

These things have been known for some time. But not until the Stimson memoirs appeared, did the public learn that Roosevelt initialed the Morgenthau document at Quebec without knowing its contents. He admitted this fact to his Secretary of War upon returning to Washington.

When Stimson read to him the agreement, Roosevelt appeared "frankly staggered" and said "he had no idea how he could have initialed this; that he had evidently done it without much thought."

Without much thought! The fate of millions of human lives, and the future of Continental Europe at stake . . . and he acted without much thought!

Fortunately the Morgenthau plan was

later rejected by persons less "bitter" than the narrow-minded man of hate who almost succeeded in carrying the criminal scheme to completion. This section from the Stimson memoirs substantiates the charge so often repeated — namely, that Roosevelt was never anything other than a tool, a piece of animated putty, in the hands of a system of international control.

**W**HEN the United States Supreme Court denied religious bodies the right of conducting classes in public school rooms, it opened the way for a flood of protests against Christian observances. Ugly rumors are reaching the Capital regarding a series of expected moves by atheistic societies.

Justice Hugo Black wrote the majority opinion upholding an atheist mother's complaint that religious education classes be forbidden in the schools of Champaign, Illinois.

"The first amendment to the Constitution," Black said, "rests upon the premise that both religion and government can best work to achieve their lofty aims if each is left free from the other. The first amendment has erected a wall between the Church and the State which must be kept high and impregnable."

These are fine sentiments with which every American must concur. But it is difficult to reconcile them with the majority opinion—also written by Justice Black in the New Jersey Bus Case, last year. The high court then decided that transportation charges for taking children to Catholic schools should be paid from public taxes. This is regarded by many attorneys as a clear invasion of the Church into affairs of State.

It is now reported that one group of atheists will soon demand removal of the words "In God We Trust" from our coins . . . while another is already agitating for the elimination of Chaplains from American armed forces.

A Washington newspaper says: "A lawyer at the National Educational Asso-

ciation was of the view that compulsory Church attendance for West Point cadets, and Annapolis midshipmen, is 'definitely' open to attack. At both academies, government-paid Chaplains conduct services in government chapels."

An official in the Department of Justice expresses hope that the atheists will not try to use the Champaign decision, to interfere with the high order of service being rendered by Chaplains, in federal prisons.

**C**ONGRESSMAN COX of Georgia recently made what his friends in the House regard as one of the most important speeches of his career. During the course of a powerful defense of Americanism against Communism, he gave the names of the 141 radicals who comprise the National Citizens Political Action Committee. He put several of their red biographies in the Congressional Record.

The list included such persons as:

Louis Adamic, who is listed 38 times by the Committee On Un-American Activities.

Mary McLeod Bethune of the so-called Friends of Democracy.

W. Russell Bowie, professor in Union Theological Seminary.

John Kenneth Galbraith, editorial department, Fortune magazine.

E. Y. Harburg, motion picture director, Hollywood.

Langston Hughes, Communist Negro poet.

L. I. Hewes, Jr., National Council on Race Relations, Palo Alto, California.

Frank Kingdon, one of the Country's most dangerous radicals, New York.

Freda Kirchwey, publisher of the Nation, New York.

Oscar Lange, University of Chicago professor.

Max Lerner, editor PM, New York.

Philip Murray, president of the CIO.

Reinhold Niebuhr, Union Theological Seminary.

Nelson Poynter, publisher St. Petersburg Times, Florida.

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After reading the 141 names into the Record, Mr. Cox showed how 82 of them are actively connected with the 25 organizations that Attorney General Clark recently characterized as subversive and Communist.

CONGRESSMAN COX demonstrated that the foregoing group subsidized by large sums of money, is working in Congressional districts to control 1948 elections. Members of Congress, who have resisted the Communist movement, are feeling underground pressure in their respective Congressional Districts.

Thereupon, the speaker placed the spotlight squarely upon two members of the group—Oscar Lange and Langston Hughes.

Lange, an instructor in the University of Chicago, renounced his American citizenship after the war. He became a Polish citizen and was immediately appointed Poland's representative to the United Nations.

"There is not a Member of Congress who does not know Oscar Lange could not have been appointed as Ambassador representing Poland, without the consent of the Soviet Union and without complete and unswerving adherence to the Communist Party line," said Mr. Cox.

Langston Hughes next received attention. He was described as a "Negro poet whose works have been widely distributed by the Communist Party."

Two typical Hughes poems were then inserted into the Congressional Record as "a fair sample of his subversive and un-American poetry," given before educational groups, clubs, religious and other public gatherings:

#### *One More S in the U. S. A.*

Put one more S in the U. S. A.  
To make it Soviet.  
One more S in the U. S. A.  
Oh, we'll live to see it yet.  
When the land belongs to the farmers  
And the factories belong to the workmen,  
The U. S. A., when we take control,  
Will be the U. S. S. A. then.

Now, across the water in Russia  
They have the big U. S. S. R.,  
The Fatherland of the Soviets,  
But that is mighty far  
From New York, or Texas, or California,  
too,  
So listen, fellow workers, this is what  
we have to do:  
Put one more S in the U. S. A.

(Repeat chorus.)

But we can't win out by just talking,  
So let us take things in our hand,  
Then down and 'way with the bosses' sway—  
Hail, Communist land!

So stand up in battle and wave our  
flag on high,  
And shout out, fellow workers, our new  
slogan to the sky.

The second poem, scored by Congressman Cox, bears the title, "Good bye, Christ."

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Good bye, Christ Jesus,  
Lord, God, Jehovah;  
Beat it on away from here;  
Make way for a new guy with no religion  
at all.  
A real guy named "Marx Communist, Lenin,  
Peasant, Stalin, Worker, me"—  
I said "Me." Go on ahead now. You are  
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In the way of things, Lord —  
And step on the gas, Christ.  
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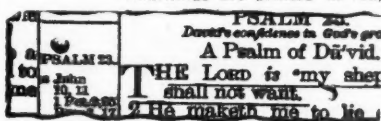
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IT CAN NOW be stated that the Committee On Un-American Activities has for months kept its eye on Langston Hughes, as he has gone from place to place spreading red propaganda among Negroes. He is being more and more regarded as a disgrace to his race.

Dr. Sam Swain, headed a group of Christians in Akron, Ohio recently who caused a Hughes meeting scheduled for the local YWCA to be cancelled.

Church and veterans organizations in Tempe, Arizona likewise convinced authorities of the Arizona State College, that they had made a mistake in inviting him to speak under tax-supported auspices. Literature was distributed showing that he is affiliated with 82 un-American organizations. His engagement was cancelled.

SEVERAL members of Congress are receiving letters from Negroes in their districts repudiating Communist organizations devoted to stirring up racial hate. This development followed immediately after A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, testified before a Senate committee that he would urge Negroes to refuse to take up arms in the event of a future war.

Senators were quick to remind him that he was engaging in treasonable talk. Senator Morse warned: "Then the doctrine of treason would be applied to those participating in that civil disobedience." Senator Baldwin told Randolph that he was doing members of his race "more harm than good."

Congressman Rankin discussed the matter next day, in a speech before the House, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker, we have seen a good deal in the press lately about the Negro, A. Philip Randolph, head of the pull-

man porters union, advising the Negroes of this country to resist military service.

"We are still at war. Peace has not been declared. This Negro, Randolph, would be committing a criminal offense if we were not at war, but under the circumstances he is perpetrating treason. If we had the right kind of an Attorney General, he would find himself in jail before the sun goes down.

"He is following the Communist line of stirring up trouble among the Negroes of this country. I see that one Negro Bishop down in the Southern States has taken it upon himself to advise the Negroes against it—saying that Randolph is merely trying to lead them into trouble.

"I say Randolph is simply following the Communist line, and every one of the rest of them that takes that kind of an attitude and advocates resistance to this Government is perpetrating treason, and the Attorney General ought to do his duty and prosecute them at once."

# Among The Voodooists Of Haiti

Dr. John R. Turnbull, F. R. G. S. . . . Missionary to Haiti

OUR VOODOO NEIGHBORS in the mountains of Haiti have two devils. They worship Father Devil and Mama Devil.

Voodooism, in a phrase, is the worship of Satan and demons. The market women who march by our home in the hills sing songs dedicated to evil spirits. At the Easter season we see Voodooism at its worst. That festival is called Rah Rah and lasts for several weeks.

Every night after decent folks are in bed, a procession of hundreds of people come "rip-roaring" down the mountain road past our cabin. They are dressed in odd costumes like at Hallowe'en in the States. Drums keep up an intriguing rhythm. The crowd of men and women marches down to the enclosure of the head devil doctor. All night long every kind of abomination is practiced there. We know, for most of our converts come from among these folks.

An hour before dawn, the procession marches back up into the higher hills and disperses. Every night they come back; every morning they return to rest in their



Dr. Turnbull

grass roofed huts. "Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil."

Throughout the rest of the year, Saturday night is a special night. At sunset look across the deep valley to the groves on the mountain opposite our home. Spirals of smoke ascend from the groves; drums miles apart beat out the same li-

centious rhythm; people miles apart sing in unison; the voice of demons breathes across the mountain slopes.

Scoffers in the States deny the existence of demons. They are not up-to-date in their opinions. Many books have been written on Voodooism by non-Christian visitors, as well as by devout Christians. Many agree that evil supernaturalism is prevalent in Haiti. From old missionaries and from non-Christians, I have gleaned interesting data. Also, I have had opportunity to observe firsthand the practices of the Voodooists.

Cannibalism was a common practice in Haiti thirty years ago. The present government is rigidly against any such terrible rite. Haiti is now a peaceful country where visitors may travel unmolested. The people of Haiti are noted for their kindness to strangers. But some abominations still are practiced in remote areas. When detected, the culprits are punished.

Why was cannibalism practiced? For the same reason it is still in vogue in sections of New Guinea. It had a relig-



ious significance. Eat a man and you partake of his good qualities. Only Satan could invent that! When our American Indians cut out the heart of a brave man and ate it, they thought they would receive some of his valor. That very practice of cutting out the heart was known in Haiti, too.

In the Old Testament some of the godless tribes offered live children in sacrifice. We see the trace of it in the story of Jephthah in the book of Judges. He killed his own daughter, a heathen practice. The king who rebuilt Jericho did it "in his own son"—that is, he killed his first born as a sacrifice when the foundation of the city was laid. And in Haiti the slaying of babies has been a devilish practice up to recent years.

A missionary friend won to Christ a sorceress who confessed that she had killed two babies as an offering to Satan. In Hinche, Central Haiti, I passed the home of a woman who was then in jail awaiting trial as a murderess for cracking the skull of an infant on a rock and eating its brains. That happened within the last three years. Such incidents are not common.

I love the Haitian people and do not want to paint a false picture. But the power of demons is still in Haiti and is seen in many forms.

Visitors always want to hear stories about devil power. Is it really true that by paying a devil doctor, a man in the hills can have an enemy slain many miles away by an invisible power? When a farmer pays a devil doctor to put a horsehead *zombie* in his garden, will something terrible happen to any neighbor who steals from that garden? Do evil spirits take possession of devotees and speak through them messages to a throng of worshippers?

Believe it or not, here is how a devil doctor was converted by the faithful witnessing of Pastor Paul, our oldest worker:

After all his fetishes had been broken and burned, the devil doctor said to the Haitian pastor that one more must be destroyed, a certain tree which he worshipped. When Pastor Paul approached the tree with a machete knife, he got a sudden shock. He raised his arm to strike the tree. A little child suddenly darted

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Dr. Turnbull has distinguished himself as a missionary leader of extraordinary capacities. One day in May, 1926, he stepped into an automobile and dashed across Trans-Jordania toward Mecca, on a desert trip never before undertaken by a white man. It was such an amazing feat that he was made a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society. . . . Dr. Turnbull has devoted recent years to missionary work on the Island of Haiti in the West Indies.

under his arm. Had he struck it, his reputation would have been ruined. They took the child away. Again he raised his arm and struck the tree a good blow.

To his amazement and horror, an ugly creature appeared with a body like a man and a head with horns like a cow, and vapor coming from its nostrils. He began to pray and to say: "Get behind me, Satan." He confessed that he was very much afraid for he had seen a demon. The hideous creature ran down over the brow of a hill and disappeared. The devil doctor was soundly saved. That tree had been dedicated to Satan.

In a city down the coast from the capital lived, until a few years ago, a man called "the king of the devils." He was a powerful leader of evil forces. Under his complete control he is said to have had nineteen *zombies*—men who walked as dead men to do his bidding. I could tell some strange stories just here, told me by very reliable witnesses, but who would believe me? I suggest doubters read books by scientists who have visited Haiti.

A little woman from whom we buy vegetables came to our door one day to say that she wanted to be converted. She was a very wicked person by all modern standards of propriety. But for many nights she had been so tormented with demons that she made up her mind she would accept Christ. No, it was not just her imagination!

Two of our Haitian evangelists very carefully explained to her the way of Cal-

vary. What a glorious Saviour is Jesus. He "came to destroy the works of the devil." She sincerely repented and was beautifully saved. Twice since then I have asked her if she ever was bothered again by demons, and she says that she has not had one attack. She is one of the happiest persons Mrs. Turnbull and I have ever met.

Devil worshippers can walk through fire and not be burned. That was practiced in Old Testament times, too. A big devil doctor can heat a chain in the fire and then wrap it around his neck. A writer for one of our well-known American magazines saw such fire miracles and took pictures of the people present. You may have seen those pictures.

For notoriety or for money, Voodoo men will perform all manner of showy tricks, especially at the time of festivals. One clever rascal would throw a colored stick, two feet long, high over his head, catch it in his mouth and swallow it. Try it sometime!

At a well attended Voodoo prayer meeting, songs are sung to demons. Satan generally chooses a maiden of the age of puberty as his medium. A demon enters her and she gives a message to the crowd or acts out a message. So familiar are they with these spirits that the people can tell by the tone of her voice just which demon is possessing her.

A Voodoo dance is not pleasant to see. A preacher friend visited our work and took pictures of a group of Voodooists with their drums and devil dance. When he saw his movies on the screen in his home, he decided to cut out some as they were too obscene to be shown to decent people.

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We have seen hundreds of Voodooists converted. Perhaps the most remarkable case was that of a devil doctor. He had been a very wicked man and was dying.

He knew it. You do not have to tell a Voodooist about hell. He lives near hell all the time. This man was terrified as he saw himself slipping away into the clutches of Satan. He sent for me.

I was absent so our son sent a group of reliable Christian men with an older evangelist as leader. They found the devil doctor lying on the floor, on a little grass mat. Yes, he was sincere. He wanted to be converted. Oh, would they please help him to be saved. Before they could pray they told him it would be necessary to destroy everything in the house that had belonged to Satan.

First they took out into the yard, the four long narrow drums that had been used in the vile dances. These were broken and burned. Then they emptied

a cupboard of fetishes and burned them all. Lastly, they demolished a stone altar in the yard; in it they found different kinds of BONES. These were destroyed.

When every object associated with devil power had been put away, they clearly explained to him the Way of the Cross. With faltering lips he followed them in prayer. The Compassionate Christ had mercy. He was gloriously saved. And he didn't die.

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—Abraham Lincoln.

Young man, my advice is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures.

—Benjamin Franklin.

It is hard to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. It is just as hard to make a decent orderly world out of a mass of compromises and betrayals of principle.

—Upton Close.

No program rejecting the Bible, blaspheming Christ, desecrating His cross, can ever bring anything but ruin.

—Walter A. Maier.

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who knows the Scripture, ever to get away from it. It haunts him like an old song. It follows him like the memory of his mother. It forms a part of the warp and woof of his life.

—Woodrow Wilson.

When a nation loses its hold on God, disaster is bound to follow. Chaos and confusion await all nations that forsake the God of heaven and earth, and no statesmanship can steer a nation to a safe harbor unless God is the Captain of the ship.

—John J. Wicker.

Some people are content to spend Sunday with Jesus, but balk at having Him as a permanent guest.

Folks who never go to Church until the pall-bearers take them are out-of-place when they get there.

Many people have the right aim in life, but they never pull the trigger.

Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off your relish for Spiritual things—that is SIN to you!

—Susannah Wesley.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Every Christian should use his Bible as a full-length mirror, with this motto before him: "Before you go out and tell anybody that you represent Christ and the Church, look yourself over and see whether you do or do not."

The average man speaks 11,000,000 words in a year, and 5,000,000 are "I", "me" and "mine."

The more you think of yourself, the less you think of Christ.

Money and time are the heaviest burdens of life, and the unhappiest of all mortals are those who have more of either than they know how to use.

—Alexander.

I used to ask God if He would come and help me; and then I asked God if I might come and help Him; and then I ended by asking God to do His work through me.

—J. Hudson Taylor.

God has given us something to do in this world. Do we appreciate the honor?

I have been led to the conclusion that the Church is the most basic of all our institutions and more than any other holds the key to national unity and national welfare.

—Lowell Thomas.

The inspiration of the Bible is the foundation of our whole belief.

—James Anthony Froude.

The issue of civilization today is whether Liberty can survive the wounds it has received in recent years.

—Herbert Hoover.

Gentlemen, the day is here when we must be prepared to take our battle stations for a knock-down, drag-out fight against forces who have nothing to offer but slavery and shackles, whose goal is not to improve mankind but to imprison it.

—Eddie Rickenbacker.

The people of these United States are the rightful masters of both the constitution and the courts, not to overthrow the constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert the constitution.

—A. Lincoln.

Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humour or caprice?

—George Washington.

To use liquor is to the nervous system like placing sand in a watch.

—Luther Burbank.

It's the little things that we do in the name of Jesus, that will make the BIG things throughout all eternity.

—Raymond T. Richey.

Jumping at conclusions is the only mental exercise some folks take.

Be big enough to admit and admire the abilities of people who are better than you.

Before you put your tongue in high gear, be sure your brain is running.

God does not comfort us to make us comfortable but to make us comforters.

—Jowett.

The longer one carries a grouch the heavier it becomes.

Heroes must be more than driftwood floating on a waveless tide.

Some go to Church to take a walk;  
Some go to Church to laugh and talk;  
Some go there to meet a friend;  
Some go there their time to spend;  
Some go there to meet a lover;  
Some go there a fault to cover;  
Some go there for speculation;  
Some go there for observation;  
Some go there to doze and nod;  
The wise go there to worship God.

The Church may seem cold if you sit in the Z-row.

If Fundamentalism is wrong then, Modernism is a waste of time.

—Ira R. Wall.

Wrinkles should merely show where the smiles have been.

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A few minutes after the committee had closed the gavel-pounding session at which the bill was cleared, Representative Halleck announced debate on the measure would start a few days hence. Five hours of general debate was indicated.

The rules committee session lasted only one hour, despite vociferous objections to the bill from Representatives Sabath, Klein, Marcantonio and Isaacson—three of whom are of Jewish nationality.

Representative Brown, acting rules committee chairman, had to hammer his gavel repeatedly and shout down opponents as they tried to voice arguments against the bill's provisions. He reminded them the committee's job was to set the

rules for floor debate, not to discuss the merits of the measure.

The case for the bill was argued by its author, Representative Mundt, a member of the committee on un-American Activities, which approved the measure unanimously.

While the Congressmen were debating whether to give the bill the clearance in the House, an organization known as "Americans for Democratic Action," headed by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and New Dealer Leon Henderson, was issuing a statement denouncing the measure.

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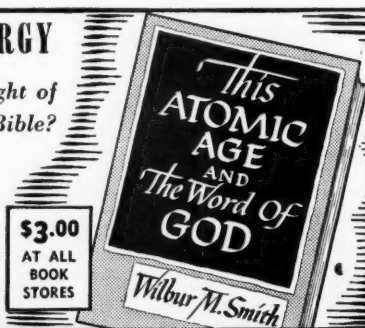
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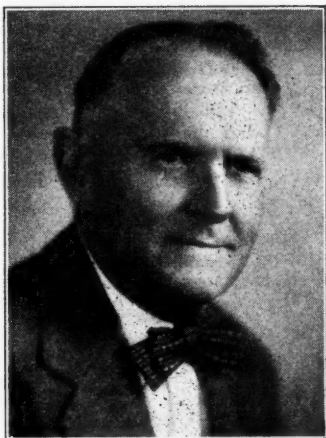
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Text . . . Acts 3:1-10

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- A. Poor; so are we
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- C. Born lame. We, too, are sinners from birth
- D. Beyond human aid; so are we  
Sin has lamed, robbed and left man utterly hopeless

## II. THE CRIPPLE'S SPLENDID CURE

- A. Unexpected

He thought only of receiving money, and never dreamed that his ankles would receive strength and that he would be able to walk home. "We were like them that dream" (Ps. 126:1) was the confession of the liberated captives.

- B. Free

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## Lesson Number 1

May 16, 1948

### SINCERE RELIGION DEMANDED

Malachi 2:13-14; 3:7-12

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF TODAY'S LESSON IS "CURSED."

Little is known of Malachi, the author of the last book of the Old Testament, other than that found in his prophecy. His ministry belongs to the period of Nehemiah's second visit to Jerusalem, about 430 B. C.

Several years had elapsed since the spiritual revival following the Restoration. Prosperity was accompanied by apostasy. Malachi's times were characterized by moral, religious and political backsliding. He spoke out in sharp reproof of the Jews' pollution of worship and their treacherous dealings among themselves.

The prophet conducted a dialogue. He contrasted the thoughts of God on one hand with the rebellious attitude of the people on the other.

The declaration of divine love (1:2) is answered by the Jews with a querulous sneer, "Wherein hast thou loved us?" They were insensible to the love of God. The same dullness existed among the priests for they self-righteously challenged Jehovah to show wherein they had despised his name (1:6).

Evidence of religious shortcomings existed on all sides. Yet they refused to admit their guilt. Such a state of affairs calls for the expert services of a prophet.

Their unconcern for the approval of God was such that even those who kept the ordinances and sacrifices, presented blemished offerings and worshipped Jehovah only as a matter of cold, formal necessity.

They were able to assert "Everyone that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord," and in the next breath brazenly question, "Wherein have we wearied

him?" Thus they invited the curse of Malachi 3:7.

The invitation of God, "Return unto me and I will return unto you" left them unmoved. Sin had destroyed their spiritual perspective. They were not aware of the vast distance that intervened between themselves and God. "Wherein shall we return," they replied, and thus accused Jehovah of abandoning them. Malachi's message finds application today, when so much that parades in the livery of Christianity, is not Christian at all!

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS MALACHI 3:8.

"Will a man rob God?" With this confounding question Jehovah lays his finger upon the sin of the people — spiritual robbery. Man has certain inescapable responsibilities before God, the faithful performance of which effects his eternal destiny. They had robbed God of the honor and respect due His name . . . robbed Him of true worship in their presentation of blemished offerings . . . robbed Him of their fellowship . . . and had flagrantly manifested their ingratitude and disrespect by withholding the prescribed tithes and offerings.

Those who regulate their lives independently of God always deny themselves the blessings of divine guidance and prosperity. Their souls shrivel in the absence of His fellowship. The windows of heaven are open today, and overwhelming blessings are being poured out upon the faithful few, who are willing to prove God. The tiny tenth — the tithe, goes immeasurably farther in advancing the

work of the Lord than it could possibly go if wrongfully withheld and put to selfish uses. Prove God, and see if you can contain the blessing which comes from being a consistent tither!

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT TRUE WORSHIP IS SPIRITUAL.

There was a loyal remnant in the times of Malachi that engaged in true worship regardless of the conditions existing about them. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard."

Special blessings are promised the faithful few. Jesus expressed loving interest in the spiritually-minded minority that would exist in His Church during the present age. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

True worship is spiritual. The spiritual sensibilities of the Israelitish nation were corroded in Malachi's day. All that he said and did was directed toward retrieving these spiritual losses.

## Lesson Number 2

May 23, 1948

### TEMPLE WORSHIP

Ezra 3:10-13; Psalms 84:1-2;  
I Corinthians 6:19-20

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker." Psalm 95:6.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF TODAY'S LESSON IS "WORSHIP."

Man is a religious and worshipful being. Those who worship the true God find supreme joy by assembling themselves in places designated for praise and devotion.

Early worship was conducted about simple altars, upon which sacrifices were offered under the open sky, by the head of the household. During the desert wanderings, Moses ordered construction of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness — which in its component parts typified the deity, earth-life and work of Christ. It illustrated the significant fact of God dwelling with man.

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David proposed replacement of the Tabernacle by a more permanent building, but it remained for his son, Solomon, to actually erect the magnificent structure which came to bear his name. After standing for approximately 420 years, Solomon's temple was destroyed by the Babylonian monarch, Nebuchadnezzar, when he sacked Jerusalem in 586 B. C.

The historical events of today's lesson occurred 50 years later, about 535 B. C. The decree of Cyrus, Persian conqueror of Babylon, made it possible for a large band of the Jews to return to Jerusalem. Thereupon they gathered about the temple site for an elaborate ceremony. Robed priests, choirs and antiphonal singing were part of the celebration. New foundations were laid.

Singing and praising God are acceptable acts of worship. It is noted by Ezra's description, that this second temple was larger than Solomon's. But the lack of elaborate ornamentation and overlaid goldwork, so dear to the oriental heart, caused an outburst of weeping on the part of the elders. Many wept, however, because of the absence of the Ark of God, with the cherubim and the sacred fires burning upon the altar. The absence of the divine presence in formal, ceremonial worship is a legitimate cause for sorrow. Weeping would be in order today, for the same reason, in many of our large and gaudy places of Christian worship.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS PSALM 84:1.

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!" This verse might better be translated, "How well-beloved are thy tabernacles, O Lord!"

The presence of God enraptures the heart of the true worshipper, rather than expensive ornamentation and finery, costly stained glass windows or a carillon in the Church tower. The tabernacle, and later the temple, were significant in that they represented the presence of God in the national life of the Israelitish nation.

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But for full significance of the doctrine of divine presence, we must turn to the New Testament, where the purpose of all Old Testament symbolism culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ. At the time of Christ's death, the veil in the temple which shut the Holy of Holies from public gaze, was suddenly rent, top to bottom, signifying that man can now live in the very presence of God. The Shekinah Glory, burning in the Holy of Holies, typified the light of Christ reflected through the Christian heart.

Paul emphasized this truth when he reminded the Corinthians that their bodies were dwelling places of the Holy Spirit. The tabernacle and temple had foreshadowed for fifteen centuries the great fact of — "God with us." The real is more blessed than the type . . . for it is now Christ in us, the hope of glory. John referred to this sacred union between God and man, when he said: "He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT TRUE WORSHIP SPRINGS FROM THE PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS.

How ethically, prayerfully and conscientiously should we walk who claim this Holy Person as our guest! Christ in you! Nothing could be more glorious.

Does the world see that He dwells in you? Would friends and neighbors believe, if you were to tell them, that your body is a temple for the Holy Ghost? "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked."

### Lesson Number 3

May 30, 1948

## THE VALUE OF CONVICTIONS

Daniel, Chapter 1

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine." Daniel 1:8.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF TODAY'S LESSON IS "PURPOSED."

Babylon, capital of the first great world empire, is the setting of today's lesson. The Israelitish nation rejected the warning of Jeremiah and provoked an attack by Babylon in 605 B. C. Thereupon, Nebuchadnezzar assaulted Jerusalem and carried away certain youth, among them being the young aristocrat, Daniel. With him were three companions of similar character.

These boys, carefully selected according to intelligence, ability, health, appearance and courtliness, were regarded as ideal for training in Nebuchadnezzar's college of young statesmen.

Babylon, at the height of her glory as the cultural and scientific center of the ancient world, presented both opportunity and temptation. The training offered would fit the boys for high positions in the royal service. Youth of less moral stamina might, under the impact of luxurious living, have effected disastrous compromises.

But Daniel and his companions viewed the matter differently. Conformity to the pattern laid down before them meant defilement. Daniel had *purposed in his heart* that such was not to be the case.

Herein is the secret of victory over temptation — holy purpose. The word "purpose" implies a plan or design, something to be accomplished in the future. The adage, "In time of peace prepare for war" applies when temptation can be seen in the offing. The time element enters the scene, and we find that Daniel "purposed," during an interval before the temptation, that he would not defile himself.

NOW is the time to firmly set your heart on the side of God's commandments. Settle it NOW that you will pay the price for unbroken fellowship with God. NOW, in advance of Satan's attack, is the time to defeat him. Holy purpose is the first requirement of a victorious life.

(2) THE KEY VERSE IS DANIEL 1:15.

"And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat."

Their sturdy faith gave these young men strength to resist the social pressure of the court of Babylon. It gave them courage to challenge the belief that luxurious foods and wines were essential to health, mental acumen and attractiveness. Discretion in the use of food, and abstinence from spirituous liquors, resulted in a fairer appearance and higher efficiency.

Christians who are concerned about living an exemplary life, at their highest level for Christ, should give earnest consideration to this example of temperance from the Old Testament. We learned last week, that Christian bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. How dare one defile that temple by intemperance and gluttony . . . by the use of foods actually harmful?

(3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT GOD HONORS MEN AND WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS, WHO STAND BY THEIR CONVICTIONS.

There was nothing blustery or assertive of self-righteousness about Daniel. Long before the trial came, he had counted the cost and resolutely decided there would be no compromise. When the crisis finally developed, he quietly and firmly stated his position and stood by it, prepared to suffer the loss of all things rather than to violate conscience.

If we would be Christians worthy of the name, let us stand for Christ, no matter the pressure of an evil environment. We can have no part of the defilement, the distorted mode of morals, the depraved sense of values, which is characteristic of the present age. Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, the Christian must ever hold before the world the standards set forth in God's Word.

Dare to be a Daniel

Dare to stand alone,

Dare to have a purpose firm;

Dare to make it known.

#### Lesson Number 4

June 6, 1948

### STANDING FOR GOD

Daniel, Chapters 3 & 6

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Daniel 3:18.

(1) THE KEY WORD OF TODAY'S LESSON IS "FURNACE."

Both sacred and secular historians testify to the custom of punishment by fire among nations of the East during ancient times. Jeremiah speaks of those whom the king of Babylon roasted in flames (29:22).

Nebuchadnezzar's furnace was similar to a brick kiln; quite large, with two openings. The top opening was for the admission of materials to be burned. The side opening, near the bottom, was for removing ashes. It was through the side

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with its grating, that Nebuchadnezzar observed the men in the furnace.

The setting of the lesson is one often repeated in history. A power-mad dictator creates a system of control for regulating the lives of his subjects down to smallest details. He stampedes the populace and carefully arranges the moment of universal submission.

The will of the individual, swayed by the blare of music, pomp and ceremony, merges into the irrational crowd mind. The change is wrought by the hypnotic power of the leader. We have witnessed the manifestation of this Satanic principle in recent years under Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin. Our own Country was headed in the same direction, through the authoritarian leadership of Franklin Roosevelt.

However, in the Babylonian crowd which was so eager to conform to the whim of its ruler, were three young men of noble purpose and stalwart faith. The claims of God were of primary impor-

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tance in their lives. They were prepared to suffer the consequences of disobedience.

There are occasions when it is noble and right to disobey rulers. When the decision lies between God and dictators, Christ or governors, the choice for the Christian is already indicated.

Daniel and his compatriots could have reasoned that their position in the court would be endangered . . . that because of the good they could do in other ways, it might be better to submit. But expediency was not a rule of their lives. In this, they have placed before us a worthwhile example. Our ends are never higher than the means we use to gain them. There are no short cuts in the Christian's life. It is the responsibility of the follower of Christ to maintain his integrity to the end.

#### (2) THE KEY VERSE IS DANIEL 3:18.

"Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods." Someone has said that Church history is written in the blood of its saints. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were confident that God would vindicate their faith and deliver them from the furnace . . . but if not, they were prepared to suffer, rather than compromise.

There are times in every man's life when the issue becomes unmistakably clear — when failure to take a forthright, outspoken stand means disloyalty, defeat and condemnation. Such was the occasion in our lesson. It was not a time for conferring with one another, or even for praying. The only possible course was laid out, and it led to the door of a furnace of seething flames.

How some of us flinch at following such a course! How much easier to be "tolerant," to compromise our convictions, keep our worldly friends and avoid the

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sting of social scorn! But this is not the path for a soldier of the Cross. The trial of our faith is much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire. (I Peter 1:7).

Children of God do not suffer alone. There was a fourth in the furnace — namely, the Lord Jesus Christ in His pre-existent state. "And the form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (3:25).

Reaching the sixth chapter, we find that Daniel is advancing in years, but still possessed of that holy purpose with which he began his career in Babylon. He knew that a decree had been signed forbidding prayer, save to the king. But without either presumption or cowardice, he continued to seek the place of daily prayer, as had been his custom down through the years.

This was an occasion when secret prayer would have been a shame. It was again the issue of faithfulness to the Lord, or obedience to the whims of pagan officialdom. The story of how Daniel came out "more than conqueror" is well known.

#### (3) THE KEY FACT IS THAT IN EARTH'S SEVEREST TEMPTATION, WE CAN KEEP OUR SPIRITUAL INTEGRITY.

We need not fail!

What matters if one be stoned, tempted, afflicted and tormented? Why fear what man may do, as long as we have the approval of God?

This lesson is appropriate to our times, for the shades of night are gathering about this age. Christians should stand up and be numbered. How soon we may be called upon to seal our testimony with our lives, none can say. These very demands have been made upon millions of our brethren, forced to live under the hammer and sickle of Communist atheism.



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## Lesson Number 5

June 13, 1948

## AN EVENT IN JEWISH HISTORY

The Book of Esther

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14.

#### (1) THE KEY WORD IN TODAY'S LESSON IS "PURIM."

No moral lesson is set forth in the book of Esther. Its ethical standard is low. The treachery of Haman is condemned by implication, but the barbarities of Mordecai and Esther are loudly acclaimed. The holy name of God does not appear in the book.

A spirit of the narrowest nationalism pervades its pages. Advancement of the cause of Judaism, not Jehovah, is the chief thought. There have been scholars, like Dr. Luther, who questioned whether inspiration ever intended that it should be part of the Old Testament canon.

Its existence as a book of the Bible may be explained on the theory that Scripture makes no attempt to gloss over unpleasant things. Sin and righteousness alike are presented with utmost realism.

Neither the crimes of Haman or Mordecai are portrayed as having the approval of God. Jews, who quote the book with glee, make no claim of divine blessing upon the conduct of its subjects. They do teach, however, their annual Purim feast originated with this incident.

The American Hebrew, official magazine of American Jewry, says: "The Purim festival offers a formula to combat anti-Semitism. A rereading of the book of Esther will afford the answer. No, there was no miracle about it at all. Fact is, the Purim festival is unique in this respect that nothing supernatural is mentioned in its connection. It presents just this one

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## (2) THE KEY VERSE IS ESTHER 9:16.

The best to be said for the book of Esther is that it contains the record of a particular event in Jewish history.

One writer says: "This purely historical book of Esther relates how Jewess Esther's appeal secured the King's permission for Jews to slaughter Gentiles. After putting some 76,000 to death 'the Jews had joy and gladness' and 'fear of the Jews fell upon them'."

A total of eight hundred "men in Shushan" were put to death. This was followed by an orgy of blood in which "seventy and five thousand" more were slain — according to Esther 9:16.

The American Hebrew editorial quoted above, continues: "The festival of Purim has become the merriest and the gayest in the Jewish calendar. The Order of the Day includes wine drinking, and Purim Seuda or Banquet to top off the holiday which has been launched on Megillah night by public reading of the story of Esther. This is the most glamorous of Jewish holidays.

"The kind of courage that Mordecai and the Jews of Shushan displayed was to meet the enemy in physical combat. It was the kind of courage which the allied soldier displayed when he met the Nazi and Jap in battle. It was the kind of courage the flower of the Jewish Youth of Palestine exhibits in its battle for Palestine.

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One must not lose sight of the fact that the matter of uppermost importance in the entire sum of Old Testament literature, was the preservation of the bloodline that ran from Eden to the Manger. The Re-

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deemer of the world was prophesied to come from this avenue.

Some have reasoned erroneously that the line was being preserved by the Haman-Mordecai conflict. This is a false assumption, for the reason that the setting of the struggle was in Persia . . . whereas, the faithful remnant, under the blessing of God, had already returned to Jerusalem. The apostates remained in Persia.

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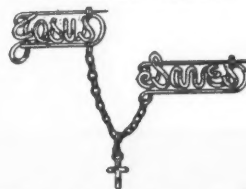
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